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Attached is this Agency's report on
Administrative Travel in compliance with OMB
Bulletin No. 78-18.

/s/

James H. Taylor, Comptroller 17 NOV 1978

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please develop appropriate instructions.

*I think we can do
this easily -*

Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Reduction in 1979 Administrative Travel Costs

It is extremely important at this time, when we are trying to hold down inflation, that every effort be made to reduce Government travel costs. All travel must be limited to the absolute minimum necessary to carry out your programs.

Specifically, I ask that you reduce fiscal year 1979 administrative travel costs by 20% below the amount estimated in the 1979 budget transmitted to the Congress. Administrative travel is defined to include all travel that is not directly related and essential to the performance of a Federal program.

While I am not directing that travel for program purposes be reduced by a specific amount, I do ask that you limit all travel to purposes that are clearly necessary and cannot be accomplished effectively in any other way. The proper management of travel should permit reduction in travel budgets for program as well as for administrative purposes.

I am asking the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to provide Government-wide instructions to achieve this reduction.

I count on your full cooperation in directing your agency to help reduce the amounts spent for Government's travel.

Jimmy Carter



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

BULLETIN NO. 78-18

September 20, 1978

TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

SUBJECT: Reduction in 1979 administrative travel

1. Purpose. This Bulletin provides instructions to carry out a Government-wide reduction in administrative travel during fiscal year 1979. It also requires an initial agency report on the planned reductions in administrative travel and a follow-up report on the results of the reduction.

2. Background. OMB Bulletin No. 78-13 instructed the agencies to minimize travel costs, particularly by reducing trips to conferences and avoiding first class air travel. In a further effort to help the fight against inflation, the President has directed a 20% reduction in administrative travel in fiscal year 1979 (Attachment A). He has also reiterated the need to hold all travel, including travel for program purposes, to essential needs.

3. Coverage. The 20% reduction in administrative travel applies to each agency that has been provided funds for travel and transportation of persons (object class 21). It covers all administrative travel of Executive Branch personnel, military and civilian, and other persons when travel expenses are paid by the U.S. Government.

4. Definition. For the purposes of this Bulletin, administrative travel includes all travel that is not directly related and essential to the performance of a Federal program or mission. Examples of administrative travel are:

- attendance or participation at conferences, meetings, or symposia of organizations;
- attendance at training courses that are not specific requirements for job performance;
- visits to field offices for general surveillance of their operations;

- routine or periodic trips to attend staff meetings;
- familiarization trips for new employees; and
- travel to staff retreats.

Administrative travel that is paid from program funds, such as the travel of overhead personnel when charged to specific projects, is included in the definition of administrative travel.

5. Reporting requirements. As soon as possible after 1979 appropriations are enacted, but no later than November 17, 1978, agencies will submit a report on their initial plans to reduce administrative travel by 20 percent. Information will be reported in the format of Exhibit 1 including:

- the total dollar amount of administrative travel included in object class 21 (in terms of obligations) for 1978 and the amount planned for 1979;
- the dollar amount that represents at least a 20% reduction in administrative travel in 1979; and
- a discussion of the adjustments made to 1979 travel plans to achieve the reduction identifying:
 - o the specific types of administrative travel that will be reduced or foregone; and
 - o the types of programmatic travel exempted from the reduction.

Agencies should be prepared to provide information on the status of the reduction during the fiscal year. At the end of fiscal year 1979 and no later than November 16, 1979, agencies will submit a follow-up report on the actual results of the travel reduction in the format of Exhibit 2.

6. Use of savings realized from the travel reduction effort. Each agency will use the savings from the reduction in administrative travel to meet increased costs of fiscal year 1979 civilian and military pay raises effective in October 1978 and wage board pay raises effective in fiscal year 1979.

However, where travel reductions result in withholding of appropriations from obligation, the reporting requirements

prescribed by the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 apply, as set forth in OMB Circular No. A-34 and OMB Bulletin No. 75-15. In such cases, rescission proposals or deferral reports will be prepared and submitted to OMB for inclusion in a special message on rescissions and deferrals to be transmitted with the President's 1980 Budget in January, 1979.

7. Inquiries. Inquiries and requests for assistance should be directed to the OMB representative responsible for reviewing the agency's budget estimates.


James T. McIntyre, Jr.
Director

Attachments

ATTACHMENT A
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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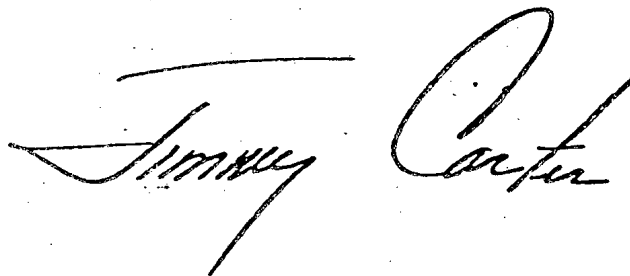
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "C" at the end.

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Planned Reductions in 1979 Administrative Travel
(In thousands of dollars)

Total amount (obligations) of travel in object class 21.0 in the 1979 Budget \$ _____
Amount (obligations) of administrative travel in object class 21.0:
-- that occurred in 1978..... \$ _____
-- planned for 1979..... \$ _____
Amount for 1979 that represents at least a 20% reduction..... \$ _____

Discussion of the adjustments made to 1979 travel plans to achieve
the reduction.

(Note: Identify separately (a) specific types of
administrative travel to be reduced or foregone; and
(b) types of programmatic travel to be exempted.)

EXHIBIT 2
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DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Actual Reductions in 1979 Administrative Travel
(In thousands of dollars)

Amount (obligations) of administrative travel reduced..... \$ _____

Discussion of adjustments made to 1979 travel plans to achieve the
reduction.

(Note: Identify separately (a) specific types of
administrative travel reduced or foregone; and
(b) types of programmatic travel that were exempted from
reduction.)